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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application.

The enclosed references were cited in a Communication issued by the European Patent Office (copy enclosed). Applicant hereby certifies that each of the above items of information was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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